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SUBJECT: PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEDS

REF: A) STATE 127697, B) DHAHRAN 659

1. USLO APPROACHED OFFICE OF PLANT PROTECGION RESEARCH IN MINAG AND WATER TO SEEK GUIDANCE FOR PROBLEM OUTLINED
REF A. AFTER DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH THREE OFFICIALS
IT SEEMS THERE IS NO SET PROCEDURE BY WHICH EXEMPTION CAN BE GRANTED TO FUNGICIDE TREATMENT REQUIREMENT.

2. UNOFFICIAL SUGGESTION FROM MINAGWAT OFFICIAL IS THAT ASGROW WRITE ITS AGENT OR CUSTOMER IN THE KINGDOM TO SAY THAT FUNGICIDE CANNOT BE USED ON THE TYPE OF SEED ORDERED DUE TO TECHNICAL REASONS. THEN IF AGENT/CUSTOMER APPROACHES DIRECTOR OF PLANT PROTECTION, ABDULAZIS AL-JILAN, WITH ASGROW S LETTER AND THEIR OWN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION, ALONG WITH THE USUAL IMPORT DOCUMENTATION (INVOICE, SHIPPING BILL, INSURANCE CERTIFICATE, COMPANY AND SEED DETAILS, ETC.) IT IS POSSIBLE REPEAT POSSIBLE EXEMPTION MAY BE GRANTED. THIS EXEMPTION WOULD BE BASED IN LARGE PART OUT OF RESPECT FOR ASGROW AS REPUTABLE FIRM AND INDUSTRY LEADER.

3. NOTE: MINAGWAT OFFICIAL ADDED THAT METAL CONTAINERS
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NORMALLY USED TO SHIP SEEDS TO SAUDI ARABIA WERE NOT APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THEY GET TOO HOT AND MAY DAMAGE SEEDS.
HE SUGGESTS U.S. COMPANIES USE CARDBOARD, PLASTIC OR OTHER NONCOMBUSTIBLE MATERALS IN SEED PACKAGING.

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